

A disgruntled former employee and a New Yorker who wants to fix us seek office in LC

by Dan Bell

In the Lenoir City race for Council there are two fresh names on the ballot. Steve Shoemaker and Stuart Starr. Both these men are seeking to replace the current three Lenoir City Council Members, Mike Henline, Buddy Hines and James Shields.

It appears Mr. Shoemaker forgot to mention a few things in his mailer he sent out. Mr. Shoemaker states he is a wounded disabled veteran with 20 years at LCUB. Mr. Shoemaker also stated in his mailer Trust, Honesty, Equality, Accountability are just some of what he

(Steve) stands for. If this is the case why did he not tell us about being fired for doing unauthorized work on the clock? Or why over 10 of his 20 years at LCUB he filed workers comp cases?

Mr. Shoemaker failed to mention he was FIRED in July 2013

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Woman charged after assault at Wendy's



Summer Scott

(see LCPD pg. 5)

Sex Trafficker Receives 40-Year Sentence

Texas Man Found Young Victims Through Social Media Sites

It is yet another example of how social media can be dangerous for young people. Recently, a Houston man was sentenced to 40 years in prison on child sex trafficking charges after identifying and contacting young girls through social media platforms and then luring them into prostitution.

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The Good News

by Jeff Vittatoc



Faithfulness Rewarded

Have you ever been asked to do something that contradicted your faith? Maybe you were encouraged by an employer to perform a duty that you knew was unethical and that God would not approve of. We have all been tempted to sin against God and have

been forced to make a decision to sin, or not to sin. From Adam and Eve, to Noah, to Moses, to Jesus and on to you anyone, the Bible is full of real stories regarding choices and the outcome of those choices. I ran across an incident today in the Book of Exodus that deals with making

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I know you didn't hit Scotty Newman!



Daniel Raines

see Assault pg. 7

Verse of the Day

Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is — his

good, pleasing, and perfect will. — Romans 12:2

Obituaries

none reported

WAZZUP

If you would like to share your opinion simply write a letter to the Editor, ad-

dress on page 2.

Weather

Today: Sunny, along with a few afternoon clouds.

High 69F.

Tonight: Partly cloudy. Low 51F.

Tuesday: Intervals of clouds and sunshine.

High 66F.

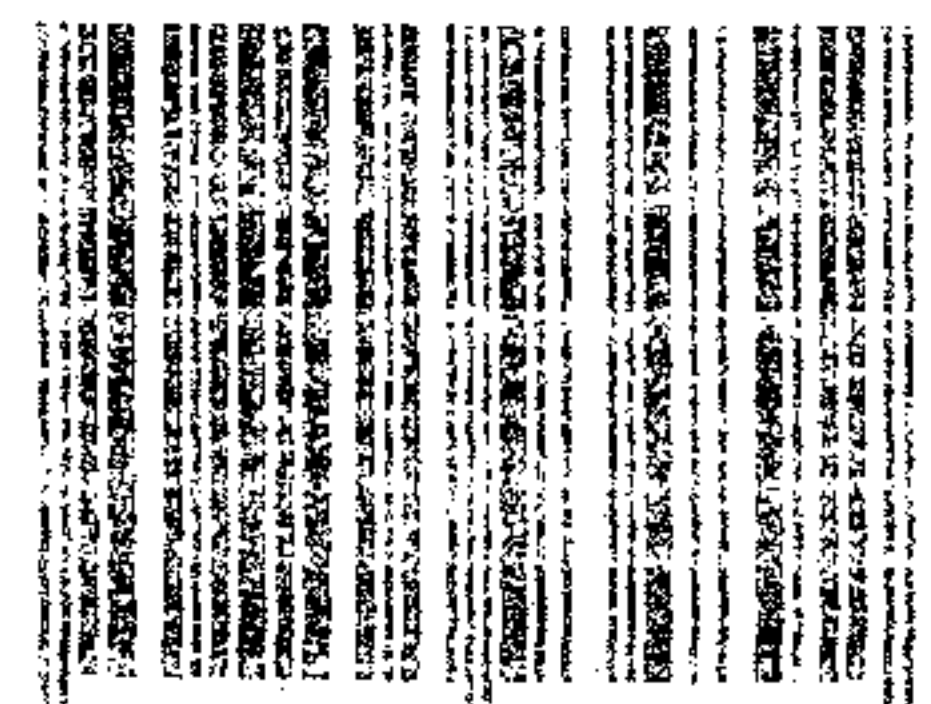
Tuesday Night: Mainly clear skies. Low around 45F.

Horoscopes

Libra 9/23-10/22

Your creative side is quite active today -- so much

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FBI

Back in 2012, 20-year-old Tevon Harris—aka “Da Kidd” or “King Kidd”—didn’t have a legitimate job. He lived on and off with his mother but mostly moved from one motel room to the next. And he was very good at manipulating people. Harris trolled social media websites looking for vulnerable young girls he could sexually exploit. Online, he complimented them. He offered them modeling jobs. And he promised them lots of money.

Some agreed to meet with him, and he would go and pick them up. But what waited for them was not the glamorous modeling world. It was a nightmarish world of motel rooms, forced sexual encounters—with Harris himself and then with paying customers—and other degrading and violent acts.

Harris used violence and intimidation to keep the girls

cooperative. He took their wallets and their cell phones, cutting off their communication with the outside world. In one instance, he deprived a victim of food for four days because he thought she wasn’t serving a client well enough. He also supplied her with marijuana and alcohol. Another victim was beaten with a towel rack torn from a motel room wall when Harris found her using a phone to call her mother for help. And he helped himself to all the money paid by customers.

Using photos he took or occasionally pilfered from the victims’ own social media pages, Harris advertised the girls’ services on various Internet websites.

The case was investigated by the FBI’s Child Exploitation Task Force in Houston, one of many child-focused task forces that we participate in around the country, working side by side with our partner agencies to investigate indi-

viduals and criminal enterprises responsible for victimizing young people. The Houston task force works closely with the Houston Police Department—in particular, its Vice and Juvenile Sex Crimes Divisions—and it was Houston uniformed officers who recov-

ered one of Harris’ victims and subsequently notified the task force.

The task force collected enough evidence to convince Harris to plead guilty. There was also enough evidence to prompt the judge to order

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Race

along with several others after several instances where unauthorized work was being performed at the expense of the ratepayers of LCUB. Mr. Shoemaker also failed to mention his five workers comp cases from November 2000 thru January 2010 that again cost the ratepayers of LCUB this time the total cost of the cases was \$137,399.

Mr. Stuart Starr, a newcomer to our community hailing from the New York area and deciding to settle down in our fine town. Mr. Starr has become the Chairman of the Loudon County Democratic Party, posted a video online and is now going to FIX US. Whew, thank you for arriving in our time of need sir! On Mr. Stuart's political signs it reads "End The Good 'Ol Boy Network". First let me say it's about time to let those from other areas that move here because they love the way of life here know "WE DON'T NEED FIXING" so quit trying to change everything to the way YOU are used to from "up there". We don't want a state income tax, we like taking a little longer and believe it or not the Dukes of Hazzard and Beverly Hillbillies were

television shows, and not reality ones like nowadays. We've had all the "change" we can handle over the past few years.

The current three members of Council along with the Mayor and other members have worked to repair, yes repair, the damage the last mayor (Matt "the Brat" Brookshire) did to our city. We now have more businesses than ever be-

fore with more coming, more jobs than ever before with more coming, the tax rate is pretty much the same and the services that Lenoir City provides are unmatched in my opinion by any other city in

any other state! The reason is because the leadership in place is interested in progress and moving this city forward.

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choices and the benefit of making the right one. I thought it was worth sharing with you and hope you enjoy it.

In the opening verses of Exodus we find the children of Israel were prospering and their numbers were growing rapidly. The king that had dealt so graciously with Joseph and the Israelites was replaced by a new king that didn't know Joseph. When this new king observed how many Hebrews were now living and prospering in Egypt, he began to consider them a threat to the future of Egypt. He set taskmasters over the Hebrews and forced them into slavery and hard labor to keep them under his control. To eliminate future strength in numbers and fighting capabilities, the king told two of the Hebrew midwives to kill any male child being born to the Israeli women.

Imagine the fear that came upon these two ladies named Shiphrah and Puah when asked by the mighty King to commit such horrible acts against their own people. If they obeyed the king, they would be sinning against God and taking the lives of their own people. If they did not obey the king, they could be torched or even killed themselves. Their dilemma was much worse than what you and I might face on any given day so let's see how they respond and maybe even learn a lesson from them.

Exodus 1:15-21 (NKJV) Then the king of Egypt spoke to the Hebrew midwives, of whom the name of one was Shiphrah and the name of the other Puah; and he said, "When you do the duties of a mid-

wife for the Hebrew women, and see them on the birth stools, if it is a son, then you shall kill him; but if it is a daughter, then she shall live.

But the midwives feared God, and did not do as the king of Egypt commanded them, but saved the male children alive. So the king of Egypt called for the midwives and said to them, "Why have you done this thing, and saved the male children alive?" And the midwives said to Pharaoh, "Because the Hebrew women are not like the Egyptian women; for they are lively and give birth before the midwives come to them."

Therefore God dealt well with the midwives, and the people multiplied and grew very mighty. And so it was, because the midwives feared God, that He provided households for them.

Ordinarily in those days, households were only established for men but God provided graciously for these two women as a result of their faithfulness to Him in a very difficult situation.

You and I will not be asked to kill newborn infant males by the king of a country, but we will continually be faced with making decisions for, or against the God of the universe. God knows when we

are asked to do things that are not consistent with loving our neighbor as ourselves. God is aware of our temptations. He is watching even when we think He is not. God knows our every thought, our every intention and He absolutely knows how we respond each time we are faced with a decision concerning right or wrong.

Remember this story as you face the decisions in front of you today. Based upon God's Character in this true story, He will deal well with you if you honor Him in those decisions.

Nine medical practitioners indicted in conspiracy to distribute controlled pain medication as employees of Breakthrough Pain Center of Maryville

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. – On Oct. 7, 2014, a federal grand jury in Knoxville returned a two-count indictment against two medical doctors (M.D.), two physician's assistants (P.A.) and five nurse practitioners (N.P.) for conspiring to distribute oxycodone, morphine, oxymorphone, and alprazolam, by writing prescriptions for controlled substances which were not for legitimate medical purposes. Additionally, the indictment on file with the U.S. District Court alleges that these nine individuals were also

involved in a conspiracy to commit money laundering. Those indicted include:

Walter David Blankenship, P.A., 37, of Maryville, Tenn.;

David Eric Brickhouse, P.A., 41, of Knoxville, Tenn.;

Jamie Chiles Cordes,

N.P., 36, of Maryville, Tenn.;

Sherry Ann Fetzer, N.P., 41, of Knoxville, Tenn.;

James Brian Joyner, M.D., 45, formerly of Maryville, Tenn., but now residing in Virginia;

Buffy Rene Kirkland, N.P., 38, of Maryville,

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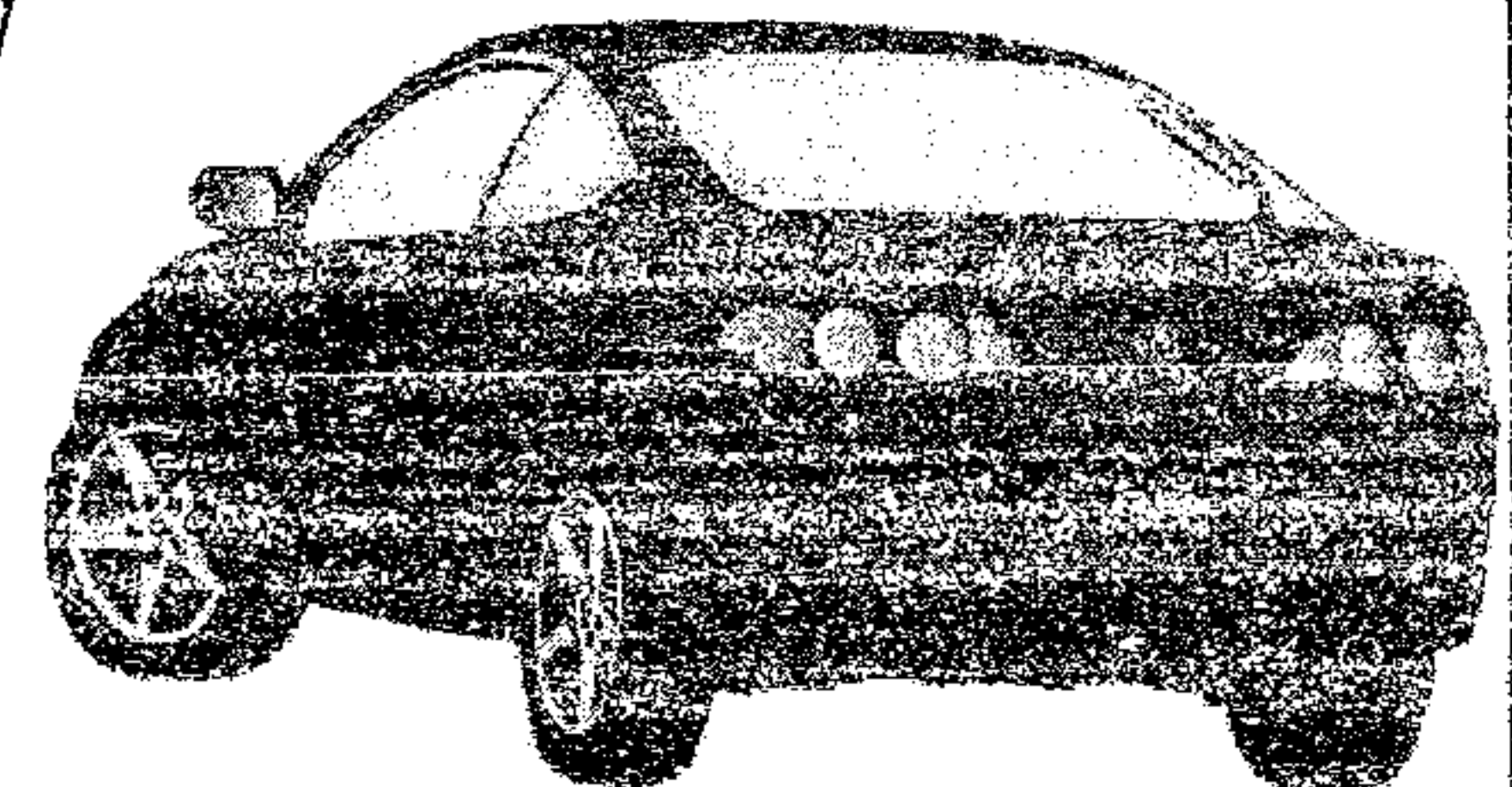
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LCPD

Summer Scott, 34, Finley Drive Lenoir City, was charged with Assault. Investigator Brad Brown LCPD,

interviewed Summer regarding an assault against the victim. Summer did admit to Officer that she hit the victim twice in the back of the head, this inci-

dent was also recorded on video surveillance camera at Wendy's. Summer was placed under arrest. Investigator Brad Brown LCPD, made the arrest.

Police beat

Jesse Wilburn, 24, Chris Wood Drive Seymore, was charged with DUI. On this date 10-11-2014 Deputy Charles Huskin LCSO, observed a blue Ford F-150 4X4 swerve across the center line, almost making contact with a vehicle in the fast lane, south on HWY 411. Deputy observed the vehicle turn right on to East Coast Tellico Parkway, and when the vehicle crossed the train tracks on East Coast Tellico Parkway it did gain speeds of up to 80 MPH. Deputy clock the vehicle's speed on his Radar Unit at 78 MPH in a 50 MPH zone. The vehicle did not stop when Deputy turned his emergency equipment on (blue lights), and continued to travel at a high rate of speed. The vehicle did stop at Morganton Cemetery Rd. Deputy made contact with the driver Mr. Jesse Thomas Wilburn, and asked him why he didn't stop, and he stated that he thought that Deputy was the

vehicle that he almost ran into. Deputy did perform standardized field sobriety on Mr. Wilburn in which he performed poorly. Mr. Wilburn was read the Implied Consent, and he did refuse to give a blood alcohol test. Mr. Wilburn was advised that he was under arrest for DUI, and Violation of Implied Consent and transported to the Loudon County Jail. Deputy Charlie Huskin LCSO, made the arrest.

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Assault

Daniel Raines, 26, Ellis Road Rossville Ga, was charged with Aggravated Assault x2, Aggravated Burglary x3, Evading Arrest, and Theft of Property x3.

According to the report, Officer Kent Russell LPD, was dispatched to Prospect Church Road in search of a possible burglary suspect leaving the scene on Jim Dyke Rd headed towards 72. Dispatch advised a small blue hatchback with the backup and a Ga. registration. Officer observed the vehicle on 72 in sight of Prospect Church Rd traveling at a high rate of speed. Officer activated his emergency equipment and the driver sped up then turned onto Elizabeth Lee Pkwy. Officer

lost sight of the vehicle and found it attempting to hide behind a semi-truck in an area commonly used for semi parking.

Officer made eye contact with the driver later identified as Daniel Raines, he began pulling through the weeds and brush attempting to elude Officer. The Officer made eye contact with Daniel while pointing his sidearm at Daniel and telling Daniel to stop 3 times.

Daniel continued on around the Officer and back on the roadway. Sgt Newman was attempting to block Daniel with his vehicle but Daniel struck Sgt. Newman's vehicle. Daniel's vehicle was disabled and Daniel was taken into custody.

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that—after serving his 40-year sentence—Harris spend the rest of his life on supervised release. He's also required to register as a sex offender.

The dangers and pitfalls of social media cannot be overstated, especially for young people. Here are a few tips on how to stay safe online:

- * Only "friend" and connect to people online that you know personally.

- * Set your social media security settings so that only confirmed friends and connections can see what you are posting.

- * Never post a picture of yourself or write anything on social media sites—or in e-mails and text messages—that

you wouldn't want the world to see.

- * Be wary of giving anyone you meet through social media your phone number, e-mail address, or home address. Use common sense.

- * And most importantly, be aware that anyone you meet online may not be who they say they are.

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Tenn.;

Don Robert Lewis, Jr., N.P., 54, of Maryville, Tenn.;

Donna Jeanne Smith, N.P., 60, of Greenback, Tenn.; and

Deborah Gayle Thomas, M.D., 62, of Dandridge, Tenn.

All of these individuals were employed at various times by Breakthrough Pain Therapy Center in Maryville, Tenn., which

was owned and operated by Sandra and Randy Kincaid during 2009 and 2010. The Kincaids, along with family members Wendi Henry and Dustin Morgan, were previously convicted for their roles in operating the pain clinic and are currently serving prison terms of 39, 69, 18, and 17 years, respectively. The pain clinic ceased operations after raids at several locations by federal and local law enforcement agents in December 2010, when agents seized significant quantities of prescription narcotic pain pills, firearms, and nearly \$700,000 in cash.

If convicted, the individuals charged in this indictment face a term of up to 20 years in prison, up to \$1 million in fines, and supervision by the U.S. Probation Office upon their release from prison.

This indictment resulted

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from a lengthy investigation by the Internal Revenue Service – Criminal Investigation, the Fifth Judicial District Drug Task Force, and the Drug Enforcement Administration. The United States will be represented in this prosecution by Assistant U. S. Attorneys Jennifer Kolman and Frank M. Dale, Jr.

Members of the public

are reminded that these are only charges and that every person is presumed innocent until his or her guilt has been proven beyond a reasonable doubt.

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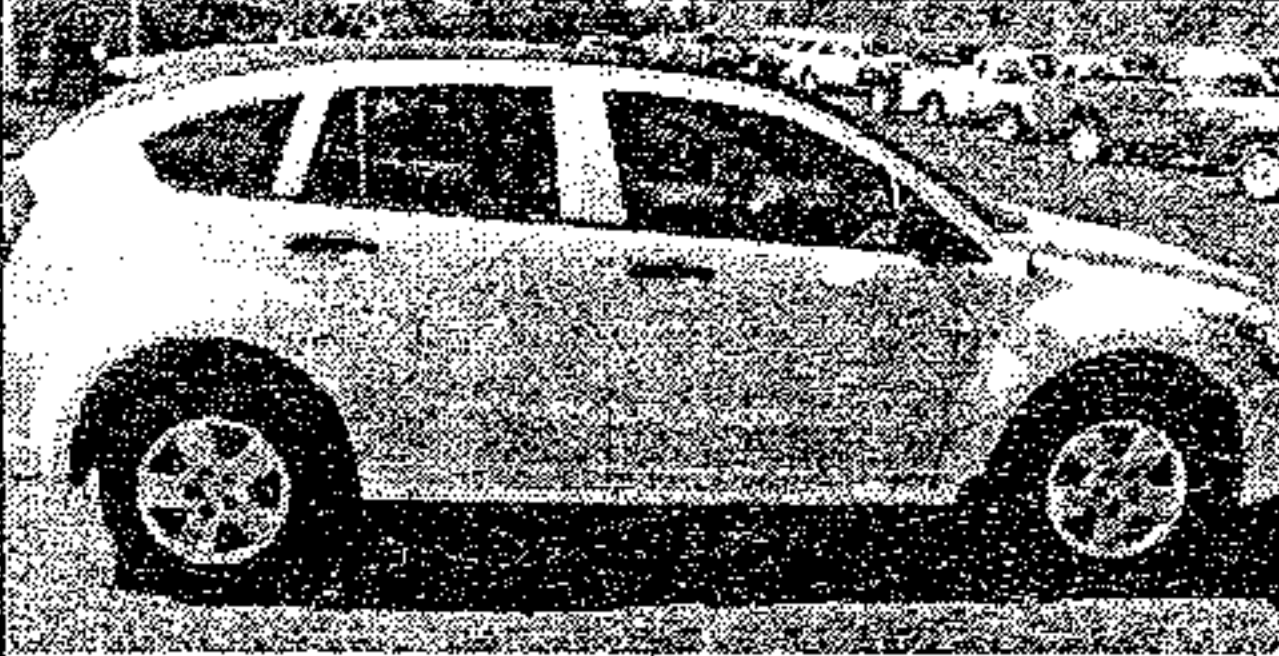
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